

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A stick-type cosmetic container comprising an outer cylinder, a sleeve, an inner container in which a stick-type cosmetic can be filled, a small projection provided on the inner container being guided by an inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve, the small projection moving upward and downward along a helical groove formed on the inner surface of the outer cylinder, and the stick-type cosmetic filled in the inner container being projected and retracted, characterized in that the lower end of the inner guiding groove formed on the sleeve is opened and a recess for storing the small projection is provided at the lower portion of the inner container guiding groove as a retaining mechanism for the small projection and a ~~stopper~~ stop point for the small projection is provided at the lower portion of the recess.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original) A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 1, wherein the recess for storing the small projection is provided on the side which receives a force when the small projection is moved downward.

Claim 4 (Original) A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 3, wherein an inner container stopper is provided at the lower end of the sleeve.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 3 ~~or Claim 4~~, wherein at least part of the top surface of the small projection and the inner surface of the outer cylinder come into contact with each other.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Original) A stick-type cosmetic container comprising an outer cylinder, a sleeve, an inner container in which a stick-type cosmetic can be filled, a small projection provided on the inner container being guided by an inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve, the small projection moving upward and downward along a helical groove formed on the inner surface of the outer cylinder, and the stick-type cosmetic filled in the inner container being projected and retracted, characterized in that the lower end of the inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve is opened and a locking projection corresponding to a locking notch formed on the small projection is provided at the lower portion of the inner container guiding groove as a retaining mechanism for the small projection.

Claim 8 (Original) A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 7, wherein the locking projection is provided on the side which receives a force when the small projection is moved downward.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 7 ~~or Claim 8~~, wherein the locking projection comprises a substantially horizontal surface formed on the upper surface and fitting the locking notch of the small projection and a gentle slope formed on the lower surface.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A stick-type cosmetic container according to ~~any one of Claim 7 to Claim 9~~, wherein two locking projections are provided at two levels.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A stick-type cosmetic container according to ~~any one of Claim 7 to Claim 9~~, wherein two small projections having the locking notches are provided.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A stick-type cosmetic container according to ~~any one of Claim 7 to Claim 11~~, wherein part of the inner container guiding groove is removed at the position corresponding to the locking projection on the opposite side.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic using the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 7~~ and filling the cosmetic from the bottom of the container.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) In the stick-type cosmetic container according to ~~any one of Claim 1 and Claims 3 to 5~~, a method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic comprising the steps of positioning the small projection at the stop point, mounting sealing device at an opening of the sleeve, and filling the cosmetic from the bottom of the container.

Claim 15 (Original) A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic according to Claim 14, characterized in that the sealing device of a length corresponding to the distance between the recess for storing the small projection and the stop point is used.

Claim 16 (Original) In the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 10, a method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic comprising the steps of holding the small projection at the lower locking projection of the locking projections provided at two levels, mounting the sealing device at the opening of the sleeve, and filling the container.

Claim 17 (Original) A method of preparing the stick-type cosmetic according to Claim 16, characterized in that the sealing device of a length corresponding to the distance between the two locking projections is used.

Claim 18 (Original) In the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 11, a method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic comprising the steps of holding the upper small projection at the locking projection, mounting the sealing device to the opening of the sleeve to fill the cosmetic.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic according to Claim 18, characterized in that the sealing device of a length corresponding to the distance between the two ~~locking~~ small projections is used.

Claim 20 (New) A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic using the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 7 and filling the cosmetic from the bottom of the container.